



Do you have your NPI? National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) will be required on claims sent on or after May 23, 2007. Every health care provider needs to get an NPI. Learn more about the NPI and how to apply for an NPI by visiting <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/> on the CMS web site.

MLN Matters Number: MM5064

Related Change Request (CR) #: 5064

Related CR Release Date: May 26, 2006

Effective Date: July 1, 2006

Related CR Transmittal #: R965CP

Implementation Date: July 3, 2006

## Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 12.2, Effective July 1, 2006

### Provider Types Affected

---

Physicians billing Medicare carriers

### Provider Action Needed

---

This is a reminder for physicians to take note of the quarterly updates to the coding initiatives. The next round of CCI edits will be effective on July 1, 2006. Physicians may view the current CCI edits and the current Mutually Exclusive Code (MEC) edits at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) web site.

The web site will be updated with the Version 12.2 edits as soon as they are effective.

### Background

---

The National Correct Coding Initiative developed by CMS helps promote national correct coding methodologies and controls improper coding. The coding policies developed are based on coding conventions defined in the American Medical Association's Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) manual, national and local policies and edits, coding guidelines developed by national societies, analysis of standard medical and surgical practice, and review of current coding practice.

The latest package of CCI edits, Version 12.2, is effective on July 1, 2006. This version will include all previous versions and updates from January 1, 1996 to the present and will be organized in two tables:

#### Disclaimer

This article was prepared as a service to the public and is not intended to grant rights or impose obligations. This article may contain references or links to statutes, regulations, or other policy materials. The information provided is only intended to be a general summary. It is not intended to take the place of either the written law or regulations. We encourage readers to review the specific statutes, regulations and other interpretive materials for a full and accurate statement of their contents.

- Column 1/Column 2 Correct Coding Edits table; and
- MEC Edits table.

### Additional Information

---

The CCI and MEC file formats will be maintained in the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* (Publication 100-04), Chapter 23, Section 20.9, which can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Manuals/IOM/list.asp#TopOfPage> on the CMS web site.

#### Disclaimer

This article was prepared as a service to the public and is not intended to grant rights or impose obligations. This article may contain references or links to statutes, regulations, or other policy materials. The information provided is only intended to be a general summary. It is not intended to take the place of either the written law or regulations. We encourage readers to review the specific statutes, regulations and other interpretive materials for a full and accurate statement of their contents.